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Subject:

Invitation to the Ground De-icing Workshop

Cologne, 19 April 2012 (Pullman Hotel)

Attachments:

Registration form

Practical info and accommodation

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the **Ground De-icing Workshop** to be held in Pullman Hotel Cologne (**Room: Ballsaal C+D**), Helenenstrasse 14, 50667 Cologne, Germany, on 19 April 2012, from 09:00 to 16:00.

Some safety recommendations addressed to EASA by different investigation bodies have requested significant changes in the way ground de-icing is managed. Some other recommendations were received after a research project, contracted by EASA, had been carried out on the subject. A third source for the continued inputs is the feedback from industry groups, such as AEA or SAE dedicated groups. Finally, occurrences notified by operators or authorities are also under EASA's scrutiny. Considering all this input, the Agency has planned this workshop in order to receive feedback from industry and European national aviation authorities on potential improvements in the field of ground de-icing.

In this workshop, EASA will present the above-mentioned considerations and will explain how the Agency is involved in this area. The workshop will also give industry the opportunity to explain their experiences and difficulties to comply with the safety regulations and to suggest proposals for improvement to EASA.

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Please do not hesitate to submit your comments in this regard, as this may help to prepare the final agenda, which will be published on our website in early April. We kindly ask you to forward your questions, as well as the confirmation of your participation, to our functional mailbox (R4-workshops@easa.europa.eu) by Tuesday, 10 April 2012, using the attached registration form.

Please note that the workshop is only open to registered participants, who will receive an e-mail confirmation of their registration.

Yours faithfully,

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